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Award

Large Ti Furnace Hydraulic Modifications

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

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Scope

Reference

4816/APJ/GM/25

Description

The requirement is for the servicing and modernization of the VAC 4 titanium vacuum arc re-melting furnace (304170) hydraulic system. The VAC 4 is a unique national research asset and the largest furnace of its type in the UK, enabling strategic development of largescale titanium castings. Reliability issues have arisen due to the hydraulic control system design, which now requires modification to ensure safe and reliable operation.

The scope includes replacement of actuator seals, system flushing, and modernization of the hydraulic tank (bulkhead transitions, filter adapters, breather filter, condensate drip

tray with drainage). The works also cover modification of the Power Ram actuator, including installation of three counter-balance valves. On-site attendance will be provided by SWSA and B&I Hydraulika teams for 3 weeks, extended to 5 weeks with an additional fitter if required.

Due to the bespoke nature of the equipment, only the original equipment manufacturer has the technical knowledge and authority to undertake these works while maintaining UKCA compliance.

Contract 1

Supplier

- SECO/WARWICK S.A.

Contract value

- 327000 EUR excluding VAT
- 392400 EUR including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

27 August 2025

Standstill period

- End: 8 September 2025
- 9 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

9 September 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 10 September 2025 to 31 March 2026
- 6 months, 21 days

Main procurement category

Goods

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Extended visit of SWSA team to 5 weeks (one additional fitter) if required.

CPV classifications

- 14724000 - Titanium
- 42300000 - Industrial or laboratory furnaces, incinerators and ovens

Contract locations

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Supplier

SECO/WARWICK S.A.

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPCB-5361-BJRN

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

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